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## Iconic vessel up for sale

**ONLINE AUCTION**

**Minimum bid for Edmonton Queen Riverboat at \$10,000**



**Alex Boyd**  
Metro | Edmonton

Say you want a boat for the summer? Well, the iconic Edmonton Queen Riverboat is for sale.

The popular tourist vessel was placed on an online auction through Century Services on April 8. The minimum bid is \$10,000 and there is no reserve price.

Representatives from the Queen declined to comment except to confirm that it is for sale.

Mickey Spencer, Century's regional manager for northern Alberta, said the boat is in good shape and ready for a new owner.

"It could use a couple minor touch-ups with a little bit of paint or what have you, and that could just be from

the winter as well, but it's (in) really good condition."

He said estimates on the boat's value range from the low six figures to the high six figures. It all depends on what the eventual buyer has in mind, he said.

"What it has going for it is also (a challenge): It's a big piece and it's only got one home, which is on the river. It's too wide to move it down the road."

Still, Spencer said he's received several serious expressions of interest, from people possibly interested in continuing in the tourist trade, or exploring other options, like putting the boat up on piles and operating it as a riverside restaurant.

Even though low water levels halted the Queen last year and forced it to operate as a stationary restaurant, Spencer said the owners just want to move on.

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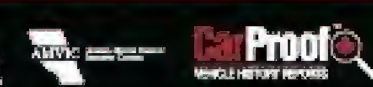


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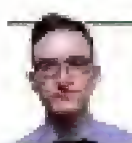


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## Lock your bike like the pros



**Kevin Maimann**  
Metro | Edmonton

Police say bike thefts spiked by 43 percent last year in Edmonton and, well, that's a drag. So we asked avid cyclist and occasional bike courier Johnny Jett, with ACS Express, for some dos and don'ts on how to outsmart thieves.

### + REPORTING

Several avenues exist for reporting bike thefts in Edmonton.

Edmonton Police Service (EPS) spokesperson Anna Batchelor said thefts can be reported to the EPS mobile app, at a community or divisional police station, or by calling the non-emergency line at 780-423-4567.

As long as the bike is worth under \$5,000, thefts can also be reported online through the EPS website.

"How far an investigation can proceed definitely depends on the circumstance," Batchelor said.

EPS does not have data readily available on how many of the bikes are recovered — most are coded as theft under \$5,000 — but Batchelor said notifying police is important to help them be proactive in preventing future property theft.

"It helps our analysts to determine where crime and disorder are happening and find patterns, and then that information is transferred to the front-line members so they can better plan for policing in the city," she said.



### 1 DON'T

Just lock your front tire. Jett says this is the biggest mistake cyclists make. "You want to make sure that you lock the front, the back, and connect it to the frame as well," he says. "And if you're going to just lock up two pieces, lock your back wheel and your frame."

### 2 DO

Buy a lock that can't be snipped by bolt cutters. Jett says you can spend anywhere from \$25 to \$120. "You're not going to stop a guy with a hand-held grinder, but you need to make it so that that's the only guy that can get you," he says.

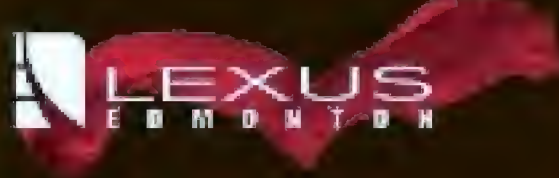
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Be cognizant of what you're locking your bike to. "I remember seeing this person lock their bike ... to this little pole, but the pole was only three feet tall," Jett says. "All you had to do was come along and lift the bike up."

### 4 DON'T

Ignore a second lock. "They will come and put a second lock on it to immobilize your bike so that you can't take it anywhere, and then come back later, hopefully because you get frustrated, and then steal your bike that way," Jett says.

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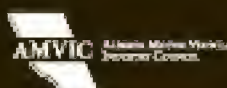
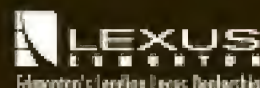
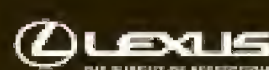
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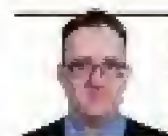
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# Council eyes separating future LRT from motorists

## TRANSIT

### New Metro Line has been a major traffic problem



**Ryan Tumilty**  
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City council has voted to explore the possibility and expense of future LRT lines gliding above or below Edmonton's busy roads.

The vote Tuesday was simply to study the cost of separating proposed LRT lines from interacting with traffic at 149 Street and Stony Plain Road, 178 Street and 78 Avenue, and 137 Avenue and 113A Street.

Originally, the plans for LRT development in these areas called for the train to cross these roads, but a less than positive experience with the recently opened Metro Line's



**Cars wait for a Metro train to pass.** Council voted to have the city study the cost of grade separations on future LRT lines. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

interactions with motorists have triggered a rethink.

Early estimates suggest the cost to build overpasses or tunnels for all the potential

interactions would be more than \$500 million.

Coun. Michael Oshry said it makes sense to look at the city's options for the potential

interactions with LRT.

"It will be well worth the money to look at putting those above ground or below grade," he said.

The vote means the city will examine the added costs only when it starts detailed design work on the Valley Line extension to the west or the Metro Line extension towards St. Albert.

Coun. Scott McKeen said he hopes the studies don't set up an unreasonable expectation that the city will separate all LRT lines from traffic.

He said road delays are a small price to pay for LRT.

"Well planned, well delivered, well executed LRT will cause congestion, but part of the traffic congestion issues are that Edmonton is the fastest-growing city in Canada," he said.

McKeen said the Metro Line has been a major traffic problem that the city has to address, but shouldn't push it to lose perspective.

"The concern is council overreacting and building hundreds of millions of dollars in grade separations," he said.

## BACKGROUND

### Why Kingsway shifted on LRT on its property

Kingsway Mall's general manager said the city is a much different place than it was when the mall first opposed having the Metro Line on their property.

When council reviewed options to separate the Metro Line from traffic Wednesday, administration revealed Kingsway is now open to a station on their property.

Back in 2009, when the Metro Line was being designed, Kingsway was against that idea.

Susan Denney, the mall's current general manager, wasn't with the mall then but said the city and the transit system are different now.

"Public transit in Edmonton as a whole has changed and grown and gained more traction," she said.

Denney said an LRT stop at the mall could be a catalyst for redevelopment, but would also free up traffic into the mall.

"For us it's about giving the best possible access to the site; there are some challenges with the at-grade crossings now," she said.

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# Upbeat about budget blues

## PROVINCE

### Joe Ceci says he has plan to dig out of debt

Alberta Finance Minister Joe Ceci says Thursday's budget will not only contain a huge deficit, but also a plan on how to dig out of it.

"A \$10.4-billion deficit is serious, but it is manageable," Ceci said Wednesday.

Ceci attributed the heavy deficit to a steep and precipitous drop in oil revenue over the last two years.

The low prices have dampened the bottom lines of energy producing provinces across the country.

Premier Rachel Notley's provincewide TV address last week revealed this year's resource revenue will total \$1.4 billion compared with almost \$9 billion in the 2014-15 budget year.

Ceci and Notley have said that some new programs will be delayed or spread over a longer time, but that front-line

jobs will not be cut. An accelerated \$34-billion infrastructure program is to continue.

The government also plans to spend an additional \$500 million or more in seniors housing.

Ceci said the budget will have more details on a plan to diversify the economy and create employment.

But a signature job creation program, promised in last year's election campaign, has been scrapped. The plan was to create 27,000 new jobs a year through 2017 by paying a portion of the salary for new hires by eligible employers.

The budget is also to include details of a new carbon tax set to begin Jan. 1. It's part of Alberta's climate-change plan and is to provide incentives to go greener by increasing the cost of everything from gas at the pumps to home heating and electricity.

The tax is expected to bring in \$3 billion a year, but the government plans to give rebates to low and middle-income Albertans.

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## BY THE NUMBERS

# Budget building blocks

The NDP government will present its second budget Thursday. In a speech last week, Premier Rachel Notley said Alberta will run a deficit of at least \$10 billion. Here are a few numbers to ponder as the news rolls out Thursday:

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Estimate of price of oil used to inform last fall's provincial budget

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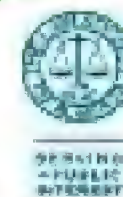
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## CLIMATE

## Plants are telling us spring is here — already



**Alex Boyd**  
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According to a provincial citizen-science project that monitors plants, Edmonton is seeing the earliest spring in almost 30 years.

Male aspen trees are one of the key indicators of spring, according to Alberta Plantwatch, and they were spotted shedding pollen around the city as early as March 27 this year.

That's two days before last year, and about 16 days earlier than average.

It's also the earliest since Elisabeth Beaubien started the project in 1987, though she said poplar was slightly earlier in 1992.

"All these plants march along to the drum of how warm it is, so if it's warm everything happens early," she said. "It is really spectacularly early."

These early bloomers may mean problems for insects like bees, which may then miss the

window when the flowers they need are in bloom.

Showing up early also creates extra work for the plants themselves. Beaubien said her research shows that while spring is creeping up earlier in the year, cold snaps aren't rolling back at the same rate.

"It means that those early plants are moving into a high-risk zone where they put out these tender little leaves and then they get whacked," she said.

Not only are the first plants blooming earlier, but the whole sequence is shifting earlier, meaning some plants that don't normally bloom until August are showing up in July, which has Beaubien concerned about a shortage of food for bees later in the season.

Alberta Plantwatch has been in operation since 1987 and uses observations of 28 plants to track the arrival of spring across the province.



**Laurie Blakeman** served as an MLA for more than a decade.  
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## Fundraising questioned

### DONATIONS

### Former MLA says Prosperity Fund may be skirting rules



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

A former MLA wants the Alberta government to examine the Alberta Prosperity Fund, as she's worried it's getting around the political-donation rules voters wanted.

Former Liberal MLA Laurie Blakeman said the fund seems to skirt the donation rules legislators put in place last year, which banned union and corporate donations to political parties.

"This is just flat out a way

around the rules that Albertans told us they wanted politicians be subject to," Blakeman said.

But Barry McNamar, the fund's co-founder, said they are only trying to counter the message from left-leaning groups.

"You have left-leaning coalitions that are very generously funded by unions and foreign foundations and they are participating actively in the political process."

He said they want to educate voters on the issues, but they won't be supporting candidates or parties.

"We can educate the public on where the government is getting policy wrong," he said. Blakeman said the group is pushing the law.

"These guys are trying to act like a political party, but not be subject to the rules political parties are subject to," she said.

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**These guys are trying to act like a political party.**

Laurie Blakeman

### CHARGES

#### Man allegedly shared nude photos of his daughter

A 35-year-old Alberta man is accused of distributing a nude photo of his young daughter. A police Internet Child Exploitation unit began an investigation in September 2015 after getting referrals from RCMP in B.C. and the

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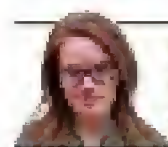
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# Street News gets a hand

MEDIA

**Public help to keep paper running for the next year**



**Alex Boyd**  
Metro | Edmonton

The Alberta Street News may not have to shut its doors after all.

After media reported last week that a funding shortage meant the monthly paper didn't have enough to pay its printing costs, multiple people reached out with offers of money, ad buys and even writing help, founder Linda Dumont said.

If the offers come through, they will have almost enough money to cover the \$700 monthly printing costs for the next year, she said Wednesday.

"I was really quite surprised by the response and so quickly, because I was all set to retire," she said.



Linda Dumont with an Alberta Street News vendor at a vendor-appreciation event. CONTRIBUTED

Instead, she's happy to stay at the helm as the volunteer editor and publisher.

The paper had recently fallen into financial trouble due to declining circulation and

ad sales.

But Dumont has maintained that the paper is not only a voice for the city's poor but a crucial source of income for the 20 or so vendors who sell

the paper.

"Everybody's quite happy — vendors and writers are all quite happy," she said.

But Dumont said the Street News is not out of the woods

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**I was really quite surprised by the response and so quickly, because I was all set to retire.**

Linda Dumont

yet. She said she's working on selling more ads so that the paper has a more stable financial future.

She added she would also like to eventually train another editor so the publication can continue without her. Right now, as a volunteer, she said she spends upward of 25 hours putting the paper together every month.

But she's hoping the recent attention leads to more people getting involved with the organization.

"I really would like to thank everybody that's reached out for support in all different ways," she said. "I think it's been really positive."

## Blackfoot language gains its own app

**Stephanie Joe**

For Metro | Calgary

Aboriginal heritage is being lost with every elder that passes, but Siksika youth can now practice their Blackfoot language anywhere, instead of having to go back to the reserve to learn.

A Blackfoot Siksika language app was created by a U.S. company that's helping several tribes revitalize their languages. Thornton Media is owned by a First Nations man, and one of the developers of the Blackfoot app, Vivian Ayoungman, went to him and said that Siksika Nation was ready to start its own.

"This is important to me because I don't have a whole lot of time to go and sit with the elders to learn the language," said Jani Red Gun, a Siksika youth.

The app has a game component to it, and Red Gun said that having games will bring interest to younger generations to learn the language. There is also a section for people to learn about Siksika culture.

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This rendering shows the building as it will look when work on the structure is complete, which is expected to be early 2017. CONTRIBUTED

# Extreme makeover: The office edition

## ARCHITECTURE

### Jasper Avenue building gets new exterior and mechanics



**Ryan Tumilty**  
Metro | Edmonton

A downtown Edmonton office building is getting a dramatic new look that the architects believe could be duplicated all over town.

The Associated Engineering building on Jasper Avenue and 109 Street is being "re-imagined" by Manasc Isaac architects and Procura Developments.

The '70s-era building will

have a completely new exterior when the work is done, as cranes will remove precast exterior panels and replace them with a more modern facade.

"It is one of the most prominent corners in downtown, so we also wanted to revitalize that corner," said Rita Mello, the project lead with Manasc Isaac.

But Mello said the change is much more than skin deep, with a top to bottom look at the building's mechanical systems.

"It's not just a basic re-skinning. We look at the entire building," she said. "We're reviewing and upgrading the systems. We're upgrading the look and feel, but we are mainly focused on performance."

She said tearing down a building like this doesn't make sense because the bones within

them are still there.

"A lot of the 1970s buildings are very strong structurally — the structures were almost overbuilt," she said.

Construction crews are working around the tenants already in the building, working evenings and on weekend and trying to cause the least disruption possible.

Mello said co-ordinating all the construction with tenant schedules is one of the more difficult parts of the job.

She said as downtown transforms there are a lot of similarly aged buildings that don't need torn down and replaced — but could use a refresh.

"They are in good condition and can be reimagined and brought up to date," she said. "We believe there is a lot of potential in our city to revamp the whole downtown."

## CARSHARE

### AWOL driver stuck with big bill



**Kevin Maimann**  
Metro | Edmonton

The Edmonton driver who left his Pogo car in Vernon, B.C., will be billed for upwards of \$2,000.

An employee with the Edmonton carshare company took a 16-hour bus ride to retrieve the vehicle last week, and made the best of the situation by turning it into a brief ski trip.

Pogo marketing manager Allison Harrison said the employee's bus, hotel and food receipts will be forwarded to the driver who abandoned the

**Most Pogo drivers don't rack up \$2,000 in charges but one recently did, in spectacular fashion.**  
METRO FILE



car — along with a hefty cleaning bill.

"The car was not in very good shape when we got it," she said. "It was not up to Pogo's standards."

The \$2,000 also includes the standard \$70 daily cost for using the car.

Pogo cars are typically used for short, inner city trips, but are sometimes used for road trips throughout Canada, with the understanding that they will be returned to home base.

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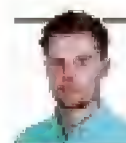


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## LEGISLATION

## Bill softens penalties for minor infractions



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

New legislation would terminate warrants and jail time for minor infractions — like failing to prove payment for your CTrain ticket — to save money and keep the province's most vulnerable from the justice system's "revolving door."

Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley tabled Bill 9 — the Act to Modernize Enforcement of Provincial Offences — in the legislature Wednesday.

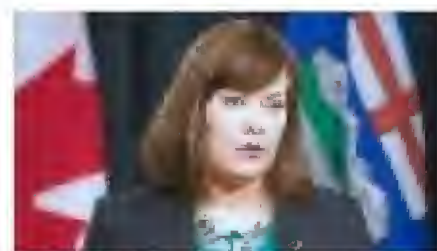
The bill outlines amend-

ments that the government hopes will let police and the courts make better use of their time, keep minor offenders out of prison and let vehicle registries use restrictions to enforce overdue fines for things like bylaw infractions, as long as the infraction is \$1,000 or less.

Ganley said the legislation will better "catch" offenders as more than 97 per cent of Albertans use registry services.

"Vulnerable people often end up in jail for something as small as not paying for transit or similar fines. Landing in jail further perpetuates a cycle of incarceration and poverty, which certainly does not create safer communities," Ganley said.

She said the amendments would create close to \$1 million in savings annually as resources spent on minor-offence warrants consume thousands of hours. Court clerks, for example, spend 9,000 hours annually on warrants.



**Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley.** CONTRIBUTED

## PATHS FOR PEOPLE

## Group pushes for more connectivity

Paths for People is set to release its vision of what it calls a "minimum connectivity" grid in Edmonton that, if built, could see roughly 140,000 people live within two blocks of safe cycling and walking infrastructure.

On Friday, the group will publicly release the grid proposal it has developed through a crowd-sourced map online, which has asked the more than 340 participant cyclists and walkers for

their direct feedback.

The grid will be presented online and at an event with international urbanist Gil Penalosa, who is coming to Edmonton to discuss the group's vision.

Penalosa coined the "minimum connectivity" term as a way to discuss city infrastructure not aimed at motorists that can provide a bare minimum of functionality for cyclists and walkers. METRO



Travis Vader has been late four times for his trial on a charge of first-degree murder. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# Vader misses latest court appearance

## TRIAL

## Judge will review bail conditions for defendant

A judge will review bail conditions for a man who has been late four times for his murder trial in the deaths of two Alberta seniors.

A lawyer for Travis Vader told court Wednesday morning that his client was a half-hour behind because a vehicle he was using was "borrowed by someone else and not returned."

"I apologize," Brian Beresh told the court.

Vader has been tardy three times before — he twice told court he had vehicle trouble and once said he slept in.

Justice Denny Thomas warned Vader last week not to be late again.

Thomas ordered Vader to appear later Wednesday before another judge for the bail review. Justice Paul Belzil heard some evidence on the bail issue, under a publication ban, then put over the review until Friday.

Vader, 44, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the deaths of Lyle and Marie McCann, great-grandparents in their

late 70s, who vanished while on a camping trip in July 2010.

They were last seen fuelling up their motorhome in their hometown of St. Albert, a bedroom community north of Edmonton, as they headed out to British Columbia. Their bodies have never been found.

The trial, now in its sixth week, heard Wednesday from Vader's former girlfriend Amber Williams. She and Vader "constantly" did methamphetamine together, even sold it sometimes, but broke up in late June 2010, she said.

Williams testified that Vader sent her phone texts from an unknown number on the afternoon

of July 3, the day the McCanns were last seen. Court previously heard the unknown number was that of the seniors' cellphone.

Under cross-examination, Williams said she can't be certain Vader sent the messages since she didn't actually see him do it.

Crown experts earlier testified that DNA matching Vader's was found in the couple's SUV in four places: a can of Boxer beer, a blood smear on the vehicle's centre console, the steering wheel and in blood on a passenger seat.

DNA found on a ball cap that had Lyle McCann's blood on it was also matched to Vader's, but with less certainty.

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# Canada more unequal for kids

## EQUALITY

### Report ranks this country 26th out of 35 nations

Among the world's rich countries, Canada is one of the more unequal societies for children, according to a new UNICEF report on the well-being of

young people.

"In the international Olympics of child well-being, there isn't much to celebrate," UNICEF Canada said in a companion analysis released Thursday.

David Morley, president and CEO of UNICEF Canada, told Torstar News Service "we need to make some investments" because "if we make things better for our poorest children, it makes them better for our

society and builds the kind of society we want to think we are."

The global report, UNICEF's Report Card 13: Fairness for Children, focused on what is called "bottom-end inequality" — how far the poorest children are allowed to fall behind the average of their peers.

It looked at the difference in four key areas — income, health, education and life satisfaction — between those chil-

dren at the bottom 10 per cent of family income and those in the middle.

In 2013, Canada ranked 17th out of 29 affluent countries. In this latest study, Canada is 26th out of 35 nations.

"Canada is one of the more unequal societies for children," said the UNICEF Canada report titled Fairness for Children: Canada's Challenge. "The growing gaps suggest that life is becoming more difficult for

the most excluded children as social inequality has widened."

Alarming, Canada has one of the highest proportions of children reporting very low life satisfaction, which is associated with poor mental health and risky behaviour.

For indigenous and racialized communities, especially, there is a sense of "being beyond the fringe, not even on the fringes," Morley said.

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## + KEY FINDINGS

■ **Most areas of child well-being** showed no improvement over 10 years.

■ **The poorest children** in Canada have family incomes 53 per cent lower than the average child.

■ **Boys and girls are "differently" unequal**, with boys more likely to fall behind in education, girls more likely to fall behind in health and life satisfaction.



Crickets are shown in the cricket barn at Entomo Farms in Ontario. Bugs might be a diet staple in most parts of the world, but the thought of munching on insects is enough to make many Canadians squirm. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## FOOD

### 'Massive value' to eating insects

Bugs might be a diet staple in many parts of the world, but the thought of munching on insects is probably enough to make most Canadians squirm.

Yet three brothers think it's time for people in this country to get over their squeamishness and eat the nutrient-rich creatures.

"If you want your relationship with food to be one where the food you eat enhances your life, enhances your well-being and helps you live longer, then you should consider insects. And at the same time they help the planet," says Jarrod Goldin, president of Entomo Farms, which raises crickets and mealworms for human consumption in Ontario.

"If you don't care about living longer and your health and all you want to do is drink pop and eat Doritos, then God bless you, go right ahead. It's not for us to preach or try to convince."

"There is a massive, massive value to eating insects, massive value, for people, for their children, for their families."

Eating insects, known as entomophagy, is a nutritious alternative to other proteins like chick-

en, pork, beef and even fish.

"As a source of protein, for example, weight for weight, it has twice as much protein as beef," says Goldin.

"It has all nine essential amino acids, again twice the amount of beef. It has about 30 times more B12 in it than beef does."

They emit fewer greenhouse gases and less ammonia than cattle or pigs and need significantly less land and water than cattle rearing, adds Goldin.

A 2013 report, "Edible Insects: Future Prospects for Food and Feed Security" by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, proved inspirational to Goldin and his brothers Darren and Ryan.

By 2050, the world will host nine billion people and current food production will need to almost double, according to the report. Yet land is scarce, oceans are overfished and climate change and related water shortages could have profound implications for food production.

The FAO estimates insects form part of the diet of at least two billion people.

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# Politician nixes fake testimonials

ONTARIO

## Tory already in hot water over racy joke at fundraiser

Pressure is mounting on Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown to discipline Jack MacLaren after the controversial MPP was forced to remove fake testimonials from his official website.

MacLaren, who had to apologize last week after he humiliated a female Liberal MP with a sexual joke at a cancer fundraising dinner in Carp, Ont., is in trouble again.

The Ottawa Citizen discovered the Carleton-Mississippi Mills MPP had adorned his official website with praise from phoney "constituents."

"Thanks for everything you did to help me resolve my prob-

lem with the Ministry of Transportation," said "Darren" from Mississippi Mills, beside his supposed photograph.

But the Citizen found "Darren" is actually Sam Muirhead, a New Zealand-born software developer who lives in Berlin.

Muirhead told the newspaper "unless I have a secret evil Canadian twin, Darren does not exist."

There was also a discrepancy over "Scott" from Almonte, Ont.

"Thank you for getting my OHIP card. After trying myself for a year and a half, I was ready to give up," he said on MacLaren's website.

However, the photo of "Scott" was taken by a photographer in the Netherlands and has been swirling around the Internet for almost a decade.

After the story was published Tuesday, a new message popped up on the Tory MPP's website:

"Disclaimer: In order to maintain the privacy of constituents,

stock photos and generic names have been used."

Hours later, the offending page was removed and MacLaren issued a terse apology.

"While this was not intended to be misleading, I recognize that it was improper," the MPP said in a statement Wednesday. "I apologize and have asked for the content to be removed immediately."

His entire MPP's website was then taken offline.

Brown had yet to discuss the newest problem with the gaffe-prone member.

"I will weigh my options once I gather all the details. This has come out rather quickly, and I'm going to do my due diligence," said the Tory leader.

Conservatives at Queen's Park were abuzz over MacLaren.

"Patrick needs to do something. This hurts us all," said one senior PC official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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PC MPP Jack MacLaren is pursued by reporters on Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# New mind-reading system being hailed as a medical breakthrough

SCIENCE

## Neural bypass system restores a patient's use of his hand

Ian Burkhardt was 19 and fresh out of his first year of university when he dove into a shallow wave on vacation with friends. He hit a sandbar and broke his neck, catastrophically damaging his spinal cord. Doctors told Burkhardt he was quadriplegic: he could move his shoulders, but he would most likely never move his hands or legs again.

Three years later, in a laboratory at the University of Ohio, researchers wrapped a neuromuscular electrical stimulation cuff around Burkhardt's forearm.

The cuff was connected to a "neural bypass" system, which learned to decode signals from sensors in his brain. Burkhardt thought about moving his hand, and for the first time since his accident, he moved it.

After 15 months of training with the system, Burkhardt can use it to make isolated hand and finger movements and perform functional tasks, like grasping and swiping a credit card. He can even play Guitar Hero.

Researchers from Ohio State University, the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research and the Batelle Memorial Institute, describing the advance in a paper in Nature published online on Wednesday, believe it is the first time a human has gained use of paralyzed muscles using signals from their own brain.

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After months of training with the neural bypass system, 24-year-old Ian Burkhardt, a quadriplegic, can make isolated hand and finger movements and perform functional tasks, like grasping and swiping a credit card. He can even play Guitar Hero. AP/GETTY IMAGES

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# Bio ink in a whole new light

Tereza Verenca  
For Metro | Vancouver

Biological 3D printing just got a whole lot safer, thanks to a group of UBC researchers.

Keekyong Kim, an assistant professor of engineering at UBC's Okanagan campus, has developed a new type of "bio-ink" used in the 3D printing of tissues.

During stereo lithography — a 3D printing process that allows for the creation of materials on a layer-by-layer basis — cells are combined with biological ink. It then transforms into a bulkier gel-like material called "hydrogel" when exposed to light.

That gel acts like a scaffold, allowing the bone or tissues to regenerate in the desired shape.



Assistant professor Keekyong Kim, left, examines a tissue sample with UBC research student Zongjie Wang. CONTRIBUTED

But rather than use traditional UV light, Kim has created a new compound that reacts with conventional light — the stuff that comes out of a light pro-

jector bought from Walmart.

"UV light has been used for a long time, but it does DNA damage and causes cancer," he told Metro during a phone

“We can create bone, cartilage and tissue without the risk that we will make the cells sick.”

Keekyong Kim

interview. "By developing our own bio ink, we can create bone, cartilage and tissue without the risk that we will make the cells sick in the development process."

Not only is the medical tissue safer, Kim added, it's also less expensive to make when compared to its UV-based counterpart.

MIDDLE EAST

## Syrian aid secrecy needed: Minister

Keeping secret the names of agencies inside Syria receiving millions in Canadian aid money is part of a commitment to keep Canada's military and development objectives separate, the international development minister says.

Marie-Claude Bibeau said none of the funds are going directly to Islamic militants — a concern the opposition Conservatives have raised in recent weeks.

"These partners are focusing on civilians, there is no doubt about it," she said.

The Liberals announced \$100 million in aid for programs in Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon on Wednesday, with \$32 million coming from a program last fall that saw the government match

donations from Canadians.

The matching funds will be given to UNICEF to support education and vaccination. The remaining \$68 million is being divided up, with \$23.5 million to be spent in Syria on various named projects. The World Food Program will receive \$11.35 million, but the government won't name the rest of the agencies receiving funds.

Access for humanitarian groups inside Syria has been a major issue; this week, the U.S. accused the Syrian government of preventing aid deliveries to besieged areas of the country, in contravention of UN regulations.

Naming the groups that get Canadian funding puts them at risk, Bibeau said.

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TEXAS

## 'Affluenza' teen gets nearly two years

A judge on Wednesday ordered a Texas teenager who used an "affluenza" defence in a fatal drunken-driving wreck to serve nearly two years in jail, a surprising sanction that far exceeds the several months in jail that prosecutors initially said they would pursue.

Ethan Couch, who was appearing in adult court for the first time after he turned 19 on Monday, received 180 days for each of the four deaths in the June 2013 crash.

Initially, state District Judge Wayne Salvant said he would not immediately rule on how much longer Couch would spend in the Tarrant County jail. But he reconsidered his ruling after hearing an argument from prosecutors that Couch should be sentenced not to 120 days in jail for the crash, but to 180 days for each

of four counts of intoxication manslaughter under a separate part of Texas code.

Couch had been facing the prospect of adult jail time as part of his probation once his case had moved out of the juvenile system. Prosecutors didn't ask the judge to declare Couch had violated his juvenile probation by fleeing to Mexico with his mother last year.

Couch lost control of his family's pickup truck after he and his friends had played beer pong and drank beer that some of them had stolen from a Wal-Mart. He veered into a crowd of people helping the driver of a disabled vehicle on the side of the road. Authorities later estimated that he was going 70 m.p.h. in a 40 m.p.h. zone.

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Ethan Couch, the teenager who used an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck was ordered to serve nearly two years in jail. MAX FAULKNER/STAR-TELEGRAM VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### UN takes on extremists' use of chemical weapons

Russia and China introduced a UN resolution Wednesday aimed at preventing extremist groups from using chemical weapons in Syria.

Officials said the proposed Security Council resolution will fill the "missing link" in current resolutions and could serve as a deterrent because "if terrorists plan to use chemical weapons, in our experience, sometimes they try to blame the Syrian government."

"Our hope is that if they know that we are monitoring their activities, the incentive to use chemical weapons in the hope that the responsibility for that can be shifted elsewhere ... will diminish," Churkin said.

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### China gay rights movement makes gains

A judge ruled against a gay couple in China's first same-sex marriage case Wednesday in a landmark moment for the country's emerging LGBT rights movement.

The lawsuit comes amid growing awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues in China, where society and the government have generally frowned on non-traditional expressions of gender and sexuality.

China doesn't legally recognize same-sex marriage and officials with the central government have said they do not see the law changing soon.

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# Spending boost to spur growth: BoC

## ECONOMY

## Central bank projects GDP to expand 1.7%

The Bank of Canada says the federal government's multi-billion-dollar spending boost has uplifted what would have been a modest downgrade to its economic growth forecast this year.

The central bank also kept its trend-setting interest rate locked at 0.5 per cent Wednesday.

The bank expects the federal investments of about \$25 billion over the next two years to more than offset the negative consequences of a slightly stronger dollar, weaker-than-expected global growth and shrinking investment in the oil sector.

It is now predicting the country's real gross domestic

product to expand by 1.7 per cent in 2016, up from its January expectation of 1.4 per cent.

The bank said unexpectedly strong growth in the first three months of 2016 was partly due to temporary factors and that is expected to fade with the loonie's recent rise and slower international demand.

"The combined effect of all these global and domestic developments would have been a modest downgrade of the bank's outlook," the bank said in a statement that accompanied the latest release of its quarterly monetary policy report.

"However, the fiscal measures announced in the March federal budget will have a notable impact on GDP."

It is now predicting first quarter GDP to register 2.8

0.5%

The Bank of Canada kept its trend-setting interest rate at this number.

per cent, up from one per cent. It's also anticipating one per cent growth in the second quarter of 2016, down from the January forecast of 2.2 per cent.

Using the same baseline numbers in Ottawa's recent budget, it projected federal and provincial government spending to combine to contribute 0.5 percentage points to growth this year and 0.6 percentage points in 2017. The impacts of provincial measures are expected to be minimal.

But even with the government lift, the bank lowered its 2017 growth projection to 2.3 per cent from 2.4 per cent. That's because non-resource exports, while strengthening, aren't expected to be as robust as previously thought due to the recent increase in the dollar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## AMAZON'S NEW KINDLE

The e-commerce giant's latest e-reader, Kindle Oasis, is its smallest and lightest, and also the most expensive at \$290 US. Here's what's new about the device. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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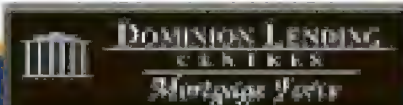
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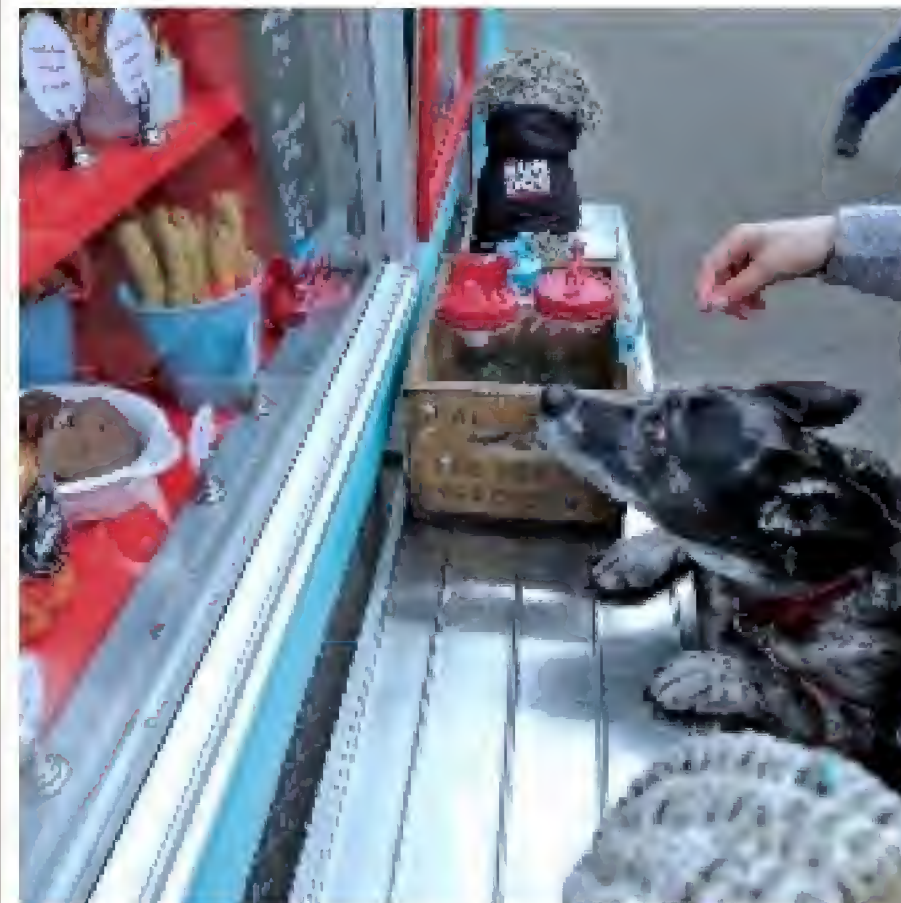
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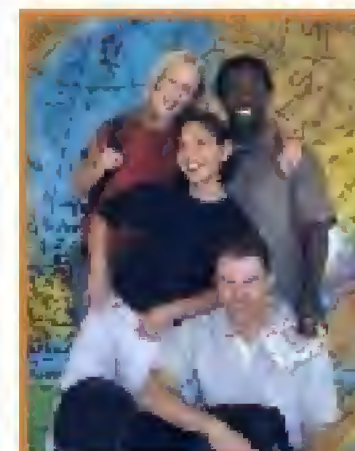
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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON MULCAIR'S CURIOUS CONVENTION



**Given the result of the vote, most leaders would have issued a terse farewell and been on their way. But Mulcair offered to be the party's caretaker for up to two years.**

By the time he stood at the podium to address the NDP convention Sunday morning, Thomas Mulcair must have known he was in deep and likely irreversible trouble.

It took little more than a minimum of political acumen to pick up the negative signals that preceded the vote on whether to seek a new leader. Mulcair did not lack for antennas in the corridors of the convention.

Upon arrival in Edmonton on Thursday, a long-time NDP insider told me Mulcair could hope at best to win the vote with 55 per cent. The support of such a slim majority of delegates would have left him well short of the mark he needed to reach to have the legitimacy to stay at the helm. Presumably, the outgoing leader had access to the same sobering assessments of his prospects.

If he ever had any illusions that the 70 per cent-plus confidence vote he was seeking was in the bag, he had to have lost them some time before he finally faced the music on Sunday.

As the convention progressed, Mulcair and his team must have noted that things were taking a turn for the worse. The momentum for a leadership campaign grew with every passing hour, with fewer and fewer New Democrats willing to challenge the case for replacing the leader.

A politician as seasoned

**As time went on this weekend, it became less and less clear what the NDP leader's end game was.**

as Mulcair wouldn't have thought a single speech would turn the tide or that the meandering address he was about to deliver was up to such a Herculean task.

It is even harder to imagine his inner circle did not at least present him with options that would have spared him a public humiliation and, possibly, left him with a shot at keeping his job.

In the weeks, days and hours leading up to the vote, Mulcair was still in control of his destiny. On the way to the podium, he still had course-altering alternatives at his disposal.

As late as last week he could have signalled his intention to oversee a 24-month transition to a successor. In the summer of 2002, then-prime-minister Jean Chrétien did just that,

setting a date for his retirement more than a year before his actual departure rather than fend off an attempt to drive him out at a Liberal national convention. That paved the way to a dignified exit.

Alternatively, there was a middle ground between losing the vote and stepping down to pre-empt it.

Even as late as Sunday morning, Mulcair could have regained control of the agenda by telling delegates he had resolved to ask the party to organize a leadership convention and planned to run for his own job.

After all, even in the best-case scenario, a decent score on the weekend would have signalled only the beginning of another campaign to survive another convention vote in

two years. Would it have been worse to take on real-life rivals in a full-fledged contest than to spend the next few years fighting shadows?

Yes, former Tory leader Joe Clark and the Canadian Alliance's Stockwell Day both took that particular route and it led them to a wall. But every situation is different. As the prospective leadership field looks now, Mulcair would have stood head and shoulders above the competition.

As time went on this weekend, it became less and less clear what the NDP leader's end game was.

It would have made strategic sense for Mulcair to allow, as he did, events to take their course to their inevitable conclusion on Sunday if he has come to simply want to put the leadership chapter of his life behind him. But it seems the opposite is true.

Given the result of the vote, most party leaders standing in his place would have issued a terse farewell and been on their way to pursue less thankless challenges. Instead he immediately offered to act as the party's caretaker for up to two years.

Mulcair must be a glutton for punishment. Some even believe he could be amenable to being drafted to run for the job he just lost. That sounds crazy but no more so than some of the choices made in Edmonton. Rational calculations — as recent events have demonstrated — are not always at the root of political decisions.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

**On reserves, the state of emergency never actually ends**

If 11 suicide attempts in a day in a community of 1,500 people isn't a state of emergency — as declared by Attawapiskat's chief on Saturday — nothing is.

Certainly, alarm at the crisis in the northern Ontario community has been widespread, among indigenous, provincial, and federal leaders, national and international media.

But by their very nature, states of emergency are last-ditch efforts for help. They are short-term, flashes-in-the-pan of attention.

Flying in band-aid resources, such as non-permanent counsellors, to handle the fallout is certainly necessary. But everyone knows it offers zero long-term hope.

Indigenous suicide is not like flood waters that will recede. They have not appeared like a freak storm. It's a persistent and devastating phenomenon which must be actively scrubbed from indigenous communities, along with the idea that responding to a state of emergency is in any way sufficient.

It is not. To begin with, an indigenous state of emergency isn't very powerful. For the federal government, a state of emergency frees up power and money to be wielded at the government's whim. For reserves, a state of emergency is a cry for help, from a disempowered group to a powerful one. It doesn't grant a reserve more power or wash it in money.

Nevertheless, states of

emergencies have become the crutches of government, the method by which ministers express concern for indigenous lives, the mechanism for meagre resources. The reliance on states of emergency almost presupposes the cyclical nature of various crisis on reserves, the pendulum forever swinging from bad to very bad.

It is particularly vile that states of emergencies on reserves are almost synonymous now with suicide spikes. And yet, suicide is not what states of emergency were designed for — at least according to the government's own documents. While fires and floods and all manner of natural disasters are mentioned in INAC's Emergency Management Plan for states of emergency on reserves, suicide is not. And while the policy rightly gives equal weight to preventing emergencies as to responding to them, we can see how effective suicide prevention has been.

I wish we could recast "states of emergencies" into more accurate language. Like: "spike in suicides higher than the regular, terrible suicide rate stemming from centuries-long discrimination and also a lack of humane, basic services, like water." Or: "state of crisis even more severe than usual, warranting extra media/government attention until it subsides back down to the usual state of crisis."

At least then the hypocrisy would be clear.

### THE MICROTREND: Riding in cars without boys



If you think this whole ride-sharing fad is going away any time soon, you're in for a pretty long wait. We're deep in the Uber era and nothing the taxi industry or municipal governments do will change that. On the other hand, nothing that Uber, Lyft, et al do will change the indisputable and chilling fact that female riders and drivers have been harassed, some have been physically harmed and many feel unsafe. In this light comes Chariot For Women, a startup ride-sharing service with an almost elegantly simple solution: No men allowed. When the service debuts in Boston next Tuesday, all drivers will be female, and no ride requests from males over 13 will be accepted. Transgender women will be welcome to use the service. SOURCE: VOX

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## INTERVIEW

### Biography follows her life long before campaign trail

With another Clinton running for the U.S. presidency, a new release about her life is timely.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, *A Woman Living History*, by Karen Blumenthal is categorized as a Young Adult book, but like so many YA books is sophisticated, clear and completely suitable for adults.

This Q&A with author Karen Blumenthal reveals just how sophisticated the insights in the biography are.

**You quote Mario Cuomo, former governor of New York, who said "You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose." You note Hillary has the prose part down but her campaigning lacks finesse.**

I was so excited when I found that quote. It had been used in a different context, to describe Bill Clinton, who is the master of poetry in campaigning, perhaps the best campaigner of my generation. But it spoke to me in terms of Hillary. She is very good at the prose but she has even admitted she isn't a natural campaigner.

**Hillary has always realized that about herself. When she became the governor of Arkansas' wife she began to understand that she couldn't do certain things.**

That is one of the more revealing sections about her in the book. She gave a speech that is very powerful where

## Getting schooled on Hillary's history



she talks about thinking how they would both go off to work together in the morning. She would go to her law office and he would go to the governor's office. And they would return for dinner and talk about their day, just two professionals in a marriage.

As smart as she is, she had to learn that being a politician's wife is not the same as being a lawyer's wife.

**She has so much baggage, not just the stuff that Bill has loaded on her for years, but her own issues: using her personal**

**email for government work while she was secretary of state, for example.** She certainly does things that seem dumb, for lack of a better word. She does seem to lack savvy. What would you expect the outcome would be of using your personal email (for work purposes) or of refusing to engage with

the press? Those were not accidental choices, those were very intentional choices. Those things have created trust issues that are real.

**Hillary has wanted to be president for a very long time. It's interesting that the wife of a former president is running for the same office he held.**

She is not just a president's wife. She is a highly competent, highly qualified female politician whose life was really changed by her time in the White House. That was her transformative moment, to go

through the Monica Lewinsky scandal as the partner of Bill Clinton.

To me the most interesting moment, and I didn't know about this until I started researching, but six weeks after Bill went public and admitted to the nation and to her that he lied, some Democratic women show up at her office, not to console her or support her, but to tell her they need her to get on the campaign trail because Bill Clinton is not going to help the Democrats through the 1998 (midterm) election.

She goes to help these

candidates get elected. Out of that experience she realizes she is not just a first lady, she is a politician in her own right. And after that she becomes senator, she becomes a presidential candidate, she becomes secretary of state. This is a whole different dynamic than we have seen from any first lady.

**She does seem to be a magnet for controversy.**

One of the reporters who followed her in the New York (Senate) campaign had an interesting observation: "When she answers questions you don't feel you are getting the whole answer." I don't think she thinks she is holding back; I think she does think she is answering. There is a discomfort for people who believe politicians can't be trusted.

I want to go back to your question about what did surprise me researching this book. I didn't expect that I would be covering the history of the last 50 years. Her life has almost been a front row of history.

As a teenager she meets Martin Luther King in the 1960s; she was at college from 1965 to 1969, at the beginning of the women's movement, the middle of the civil rights movement, the escalation of the war in Vietnam. She is in New Haven, Conn., (studying law at Yale) when the Black Panthers go on trial there.

She works for the Judiciary Committee looking into the impeachment of Richard Nixon. She is the first lady during the Oklahoma bombing and a New York senator during 9/11. Telling her story is telling the history of America in the last 50 years. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## 3 BOOKS THAT LOOK AT STRANGE PAIRINGS AND ODD COUPLES

These latest arrivals include a grieving dad connecting with an old woman, the town misfit adopting an unwanted dog and other unexpected partnerships.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### The One-In-A-Million Boy, Monica Wood

In this new novel, after the death of his Guinness-records-obsessed son, guitarist Quinn wants to make amends for not having been a more involved dad. So he takes over his son's Scout assignment: doing yard work for Ona Witus, a 104-year-old Lithuanian immigrant who "the boy" had hoped would make it into Guinness as the World's Oldest Licensed Driver.



### Spill Simmer Falter Wither, Sarah Baume

This story, told over the course of four seasons (thus the title), is a monologue by a gentle, thoughtful man, addressed to the one-eyed mongrel he adopts from the pound. This is a first novel by an Irish writer, and what a bravura performance it is. It's a relationship story of a man and his mutt, outcasts in a small Irish town that has no use for them.



### Dear Emma, Katie Heaney

This is a frothy bit of nonsense for young adults. Harriet is the advice columnist at the college paper. Keith is the boyfriend who has dumped her. Remy is the cool girl who has just joined Harriet's shift at the library. Then, to Harriet's horror, she sees a Facebook post linking Remy and Keith. So she hates Remy, of course. But Remy also seems to be a girl Harriet could be friends with. Youthful dilemma alert!



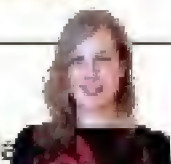


# Beyond the role of 'Mexican Hooker #1'

CARMEN AGUIRRE

**Author transcends her trauma in new memoir**

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



It seems appropriate to be speaking to Carmen Aguirre while she's out on the road. But her hotel room in London, U.K., where she is in town for a book tour, is a world away from the nomadic childhood she spent on the move after General Augusto Pinochet's brutal 1973 coup forced her family to flee their home in Chile.

Aguirre's first memoir, the best-selling *Something Fierce: Memoirs of a Revolutionary Daughter*, documented her family's years on the run, followed by her own decision at age 18 to join the underground resistance against Pinochet. In 2012, *Something Fierce* won CBC's books competition Canada Reads, in what was perhaps its most

controversial and heated debate to date, when a panelist, Quebec lawyer Anne-Francis Goldwater, declared Aguirre a "bloody terrorist."

While it's clear from Goldwater's comment that it's difficult for many to empathize with what it must have been like to witness that kind of violence at such a young age, Aguirre's recollections in the book of being a teenager — coveting the cool pair of shoes and wanting to hang out with cute boys — also made her story relatable as a coming-of-age tale.

Sadly, there will be readers who relate to some of the themes and events in her follow-up memoir, *Mexican Hooker #1: And My Other Roles Since the Revolution*, which details her life after a horrifying attack at age 13 by John Horace Oughton, the serial rapist known as Vancouver's Paper Bag Rapist.

When Aguirre initially set out to write *Mexican Hooker #1*, published by Random House Canada, she says she wanted to "explore her creative journey" as a performer, playwright and theatre director.

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**"I had no intention of making the rape the focus of the book"**

Carmen Aguirre

she says. But her growth as an artist was in many ways directly connected to the trauma she experienced as a child.

Aguirre knew she wanted to be an actor since she was three years old, after her parents took her to a circus and she became mesmerized by a performer riding on a galloping white horse. It wasn't until years later, at theatre school in Vancouver during an intense acting class, that she had a flashback so powerful the director insisted she enrol in therapy.

After years of work, both personal and professional, Aguirre found strength in the theatre, choosing to develop her own productions rather than being cast in stereotypical roles for Latina women, like *Mexican Hooker #1*, and as a workshop facilitator, helping others to overcome trauma through dramatic arts.

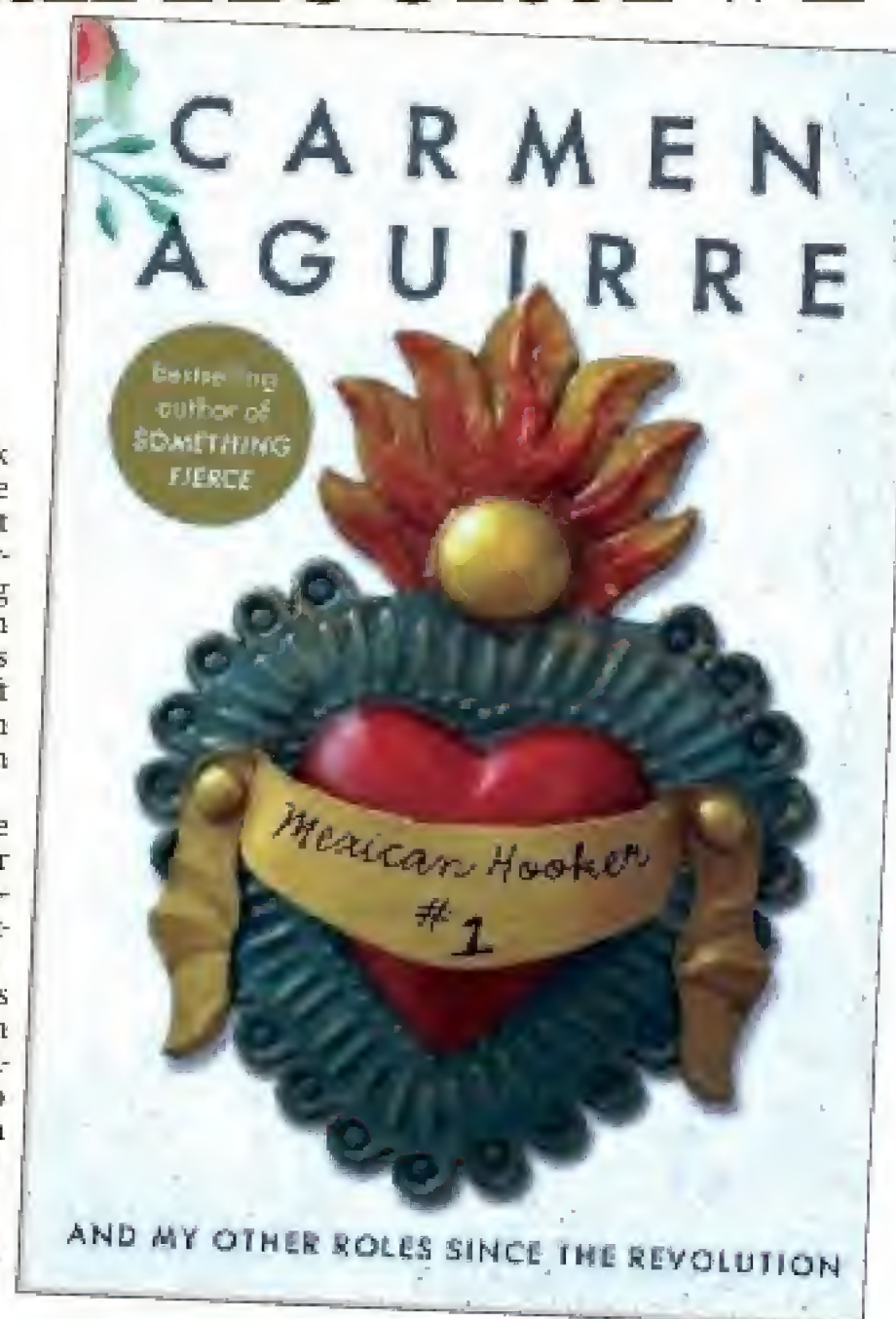
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*ican Hooker #1* also travels back and forth in time, as Aguirre slowly and deliberately lays out the details of her rape and recovery, and finally her astonishing face-to-face confrontation with Oughton more than 30 years later, which she says has left her feeling more compassion for the man most would deem a monster.

And although she didn't write the book as therapy for herself or others, she has already been approached by other victims wanting to share their experiences.

But ultimately, Aguirre says *Mexican Hooker #1* is more than just a single story and a reminder that there's much more to this woman than her past as a teenage revolutionary or rape survivor.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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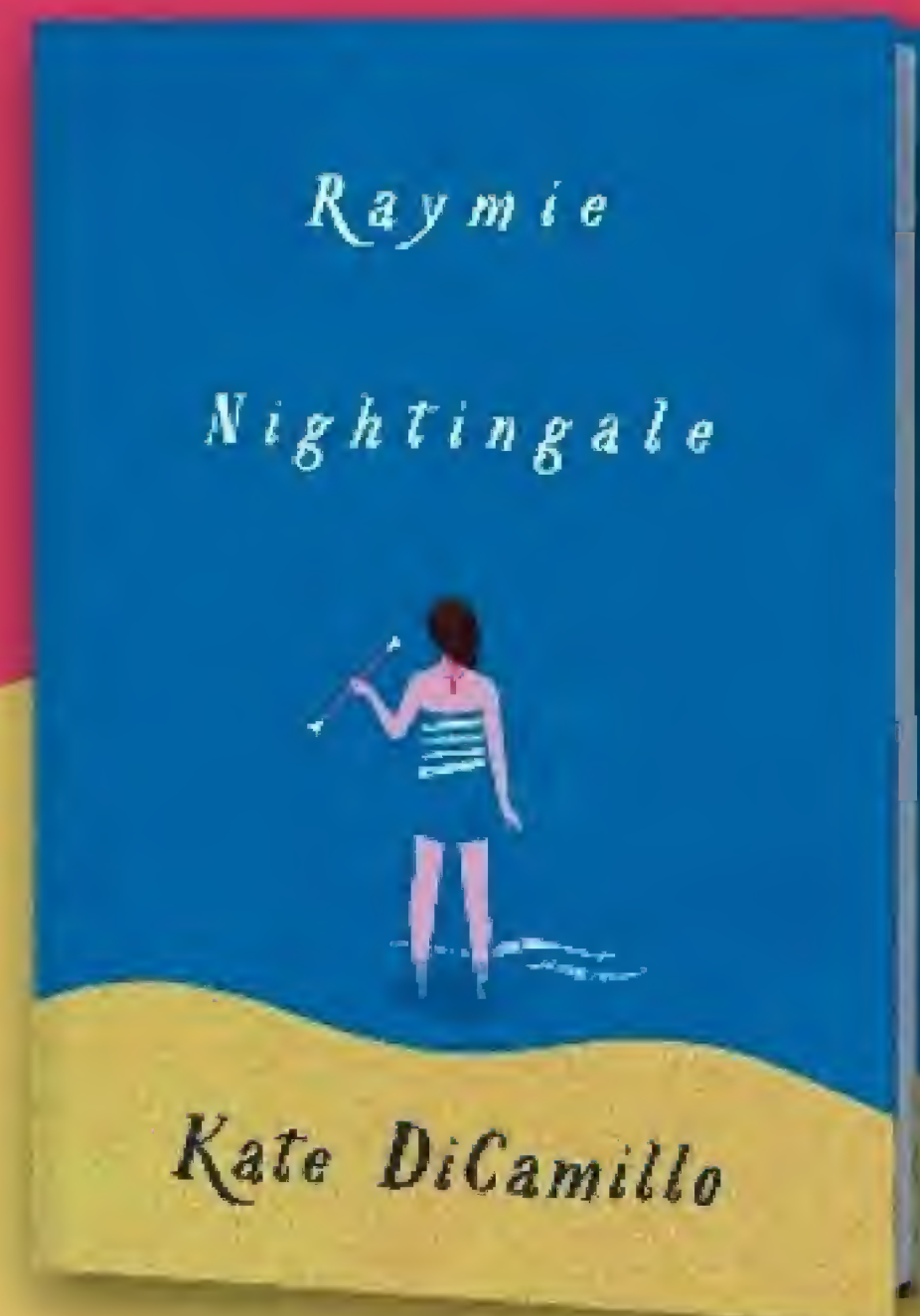
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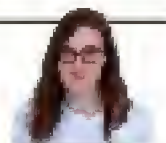


# Stephen Fry slammed by charity he supports

## CONTROVERSY

### British comedian told rape victims to 'grow up'

Rebecca Williams  
Metro Life



Mental-health charity Mind has responded after comedian and actor Stephen Fry made comments about "self-pitying" rape victims. The charity, of which Fry is a honorary president, released a statement urging assault survivors to seek help, adding "Abuse is incredibly serious and can have devastating consequences for survivors, particularly for their lifelong mental health."

Fry made the comments in an interview with Dave Rubin, where he told rape victims to "grow up" because self-pity is the "ugliest emotion in humanity."

"It's a great shame and we're all very sorry that your uncle touched you in that nasty place — you get some of my sympathy, but your self-pity gets none of my sympathy," he added.

The conversation began on the subject of the Cecil Rhodes statue that Oxford University students have attempted to get removed, but the topic quickly gave way to more of Fry's general views on censorship, where he spoke out against the idea of trigger words and safe spaces.

"There are many great plays which contain rapes, and the word rape now is even considered a rape," he said.

Fry's comments received backlash on social media — not the first for the 58-year-old British actor, who quit Twitter earlier this year.

Mind said they would be discussing their member's concerns with Fry, who they say "was speaking in a personal context, giving his own views as part of a longer discussion on the subject of freedom of speech."



In a critical statement, the mental-health group Mind said Stephen Fry was 'giving his own views ... on freedom of speech.'

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER  
WHAT I'M WATCHING

## Tina Fey's genius shines

**THE SHOW:** *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, Season 2, Episode 5 (Netflix)

**THE MOMENT:** The show tunes Titus (Tituss Burgess), a would-be cabaret performer, commandeers a discarded piano, and anything his roommate Kimmy (Ellie Kemper) or their landlord Lillian (Carol Kane) says prompts him to sing snippets of little-known musicals.

"That reminds me of the Helen-Keller-inspired but unauthorized musical *Feels Like Love*," he says, then croons, "Does he even see me, is he screaming my name? Is this him or a mop or a chair or a cop — sad to say but to me feels the same."

Later he refers to "Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Croon*, *Croon*, *Croon*, which was eventually reworked into *The Sound of Music*," sings a lament ("If I had my way, Richard, I would die alone, eaten by birds, digested by birds, shat out by birds, alone") from "Steven Sondheim's *Pinocchio*," and duets with Lillian from

"Gangly Orphan Jeff, the ill-fated musical that opened six days after Annie."

Free of the *Kimmy*-in-the-bunker plotlines that dominated season one, show creator Tina Fey is now concentrating on the subject dearest to her heart: New York City and the eccentrics who populate it. Especially the plucky but deluded people who orbit the fringes of show biz.

Musicals are the anthems of the hopeful. They draw optimists to New York, and tell their stories. But they're a pretty surreal art form — all those hoofers bursting into song, warbling their guts out. So it doesn't take much torquing to nudge them into something truly strange. Fey's genius is taking something we accept as normal, and showing us how odd it is. And the lyrics are hilarious.

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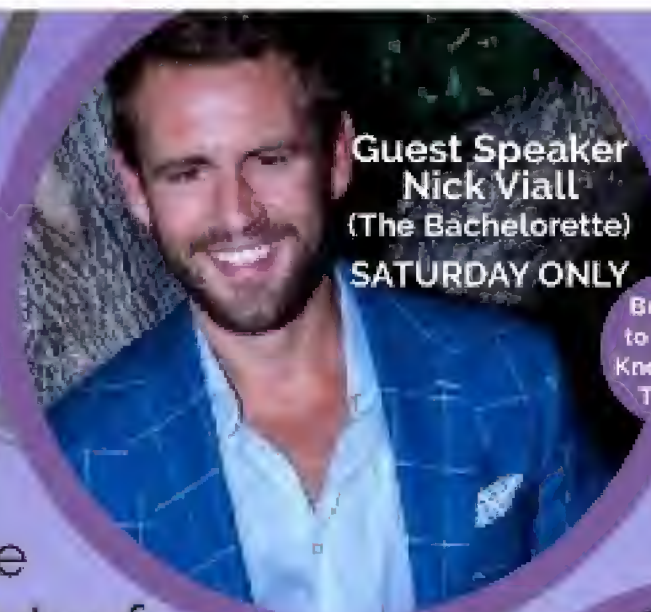
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# Forget love — monogamy sprung from STI threats

RESEARCH

## Scientists believe pairing up provided health benefits

Why did humans become monogamous, apparently rejecting the promiscuity that is natural to most animals?

Was it morality? Religion? Maybe love?

The answer is germs, researchers said Tuesday, arguing that the havoc caused by sexually transmitted diseases (STIs) convinced our ancestors it would be better to mate for life.

A research duo from Canada and Germany observed that STIs flourished among large groups of people living in the villages, towns and cities that arose after prehistoric hunter-gatherers settled down to farm.

Left unchecked, spreading diseases can affect individual fertility and a group's overall reproduction rate.

Falling population numbers would force a rethink of sexual behaviour — which in turn gives rise to social mores.

The researchers developed a mathematical model of hunter-gatherer demographics and likely STI spread among them.

They used it "to show how growing STI disease burden in larger residential group sizes can foster the emergence of socially imposed monogamy in human mating."

In small groups of no more than 30 individuals, with no chance for epidemic spread, STI outbreaks are generally short-lived, the team said.

The reduced risk may explain why small groups, both among early humans and today, are often polygynous (when men



Socially imposed monogamy in human mating has long been considered an evolutionary puzzle according to researchers. iStock

have more than one partner).

Socially-imposed human monogamy has long been considered an "evolutionary puzzle," according to the research duo.

It requires societies to put in place checks and structures — a police and court system, for example — to uphold societal mores.

"Yet, many larger human societies transitioned from polygyny to socially imposed monogamy beginning with the advent of agriculture and larger residential groups," said the paper.

## + CAN DRUGS CHANGE SEXUAL MORES?

Even if drugs were to eradicate STIs, humans wouldn't become wildly promiscuous, according to Bauch. "Modern societies are more complicated ... and there is probably more than one

reason that explains socially imposed monogamy. "I think it is premature to speculate that marriage will disappear ... if we solve the problem of STIs," he added.

That riddle may now be solved.

The research showed that our natural environment, with factors such as disease spread, "can strongly influence the de-

velopment of social norms, and in particular our group-oriented judgements," study author Chris Bauch of the University of Waterloo said.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

## Miscarriage ruling may shift policies

### + PRECEDENT

Comparable conditions to miscarriage have been handled in a similar way. Issues ranging from obesity to drug addiction to depression have all been formally recognized as disabilities in Canada, according to Christine Thomlinson, co-managing partner of Toronto employment law firm Rubin Thomlinson.

A recent ruling branding miscarriages as a type of disability has the potential to change the way society tackles a stigmatized issue, survivors and experts say.

The Ontario Human Rights Tribunal delivered what is believed to be the first finding of its kind last month when it ruled that a miscarriage was an uncommon condition that could impact a woman's ability to function within society.

The case centred on a discrimination claim filed by Winnie Mou against her employer — an Ottawa-based project management firm known at the time as MHPM Project Leaders. Mou alleged that she had been fired for missing performance targets due to medically related absences caused by both a deep tissue injury and a June 2013 miscarriage, and argued that both events constituted disabilities that the employer refused to accommodate.

MHPM argued that Mou did not suffer from a disability, since neither the injury nor the miscarriage were permanent or persistent conditions.

Tribunal vice-chair Jennifer Scott sided with Mou, stating in an interim decision that a miscarriage should not be viewed as a short-term condition.

"A miscarriage is not a common ailment, and it is certainly not transitory," Scott wrote. "It is clear from the applicant's testimony that she continues to experience significant emotional distress from the miscarriage even today."

Legally, comparable conditions have been handled in similar fashion. Christine Thomlinson, co-managing partner of employment law firm Rubin Thomlinson in Toronto, said the provincial

courts that establish case law in this area have interpreted the Human Rights Code very broadly over the years.

The latest tribunal ruling therefore did not come as a particular surprise, Thomlinson said. But she said the ruling will leave both employers and employees navigating a challenging grey area and force them to have conversations that have likely not been taking place on the job.

"What it will emphasize is that the accommodation process in the workplace is intended to be collaborative," Thomlinson said. "On the one hand, employees can take from this decision that they have an entitlement to be accommodated, but that can't go so far as to say there's an accommodation obligation if there's no information suggesting that you had a miscarriage."

Thomlinson described the ruling as a positive development overall, but questioned how uncommon miscarriages are. If there should be an influx of disability claims based on miscarriage, Thomlinson said employers may find themselves struggling to cope.

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POLICIES

## Women face 'health gap' in accessing care

Women are underserved by the health care system in comparison to men, warn officials at the Women's College Hospital (WCH) in Toronto.

Calling this problem "the health gap," WCH president Marilyn Emery says it "significantly impacts women's health and their quality of life."

In their research, WCH identified several gaps in the way women receive health care and treatment.

In health care research, women's unique needs are often ignored — they have

different risk factors for some diseases and respond differently to some drugs — but until the 1990s there was no requirement to include women in clinical drug trials.

In cardiac health, more women than men die each year from heart disease, yet make up only 35 per cent of patients in cardiovascular research.

Women also receive less effective treatment for mental health and chronic conditions.

Many of these barriers are systemic, with factors like in-

come, employment status and housing influencing access to health care.

"The Health Gap is a very real threat to the well-being of women everywhere," says Katherine Hay, president of the Women's College Hospital Foundation.

WCH is dedicated to closing these gaps through research. The organization has spearheaded the Women's Cardiovascular Health Initiative — the first comprehensive assessment and lifestyle program for women with existing or

potential heart problems.

They also offer the Women's Mental Health Program, which deals with mental health issues unique to women, like depression and anxiety associated with menstruation, pregnancy, childbirth and menopause.

"We're reaching out to our partners and colleagues throughout the health sector and asking them to join us in affecting change and to help us close the health gap for women," says Emery.

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Women can experience significant emotional distress from miscarriage. iStock



# FESTIVAL OF TREES KEEPS ON GIVING

Each year, the University Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees is the gift that keeps on giving — to the tune of more than \$18.5 million raised over its 32-year history. For Nicole Merrifield, the foundation's director of communications and special projects, it's the volunteers who represent the greatest gift to the University of Alberta Hospital.

"That's the crux of what makes this festival so special — it's completely run by volunteers," Merrifield explained. "We have over 2,000 volunteers who work on site over the four days — some take multiple shifts; some have been with the festival for decades."

"There isn't a corner of the hospital that hasn't been touched by the festival and the work of its volunteers."

There are about 175 volunteers across multiple committees that work year-round preparing for the festival. Each year, in partnership with the University of Alberta Hospital, the Foundation identifies an area of need for fundraising. This year, the festival is supporting the acquisition of a stroke air ambulance — the

first of its kind in Canada.

"We work to further innovation and excellence, and we invest in projects that further patient care, research and health education," Merrifield explained. "The University of Alberta Hospital services a geographic area the size of Western Europe, so we're really excited about bringing the first stroke ambulance to Edmonton."

The annual Festival of Trees relies on its volunteers. But for volunteers like Barb, they've come to treasure the experience just as much. This will be Barb's 25th year volunteering at the festival. What keeps her — and volunteers like her — coming back year after year are the people.

"We have an extremely awesome team that works together and has fun," she said. "A lot of my volunteers are special needs people and they've become family."

"There's no other organization out there that raises as much money by having as much fun as we have."

Volunteering has become a family affair for



Working the phones on 630 CHED Heart Pledge Day. CONTRIBUTED

Barb, as she said her children and grandchildren all participate — along with their friends and family. It's an easy cause to support, she added.

"I believe in everything the foundation

does," Barb says. "The most important thing is the funds that we raise and it's allowed us to have medical care we wouldn't be able to have otherwise."

"It takes a team to make that happen."

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## MEET THE CONDO



OLIVER PARK

# Quiet, but close to the action

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## Project overview

A rooftop patio with downtown view is just one reason Oliver Park is selling quickly. An ideal location makes the boutique condos, with private balconies and garden patios, a hot commodity in the city core — where work, school and play often meet.

## Housing amenities

Several floor plans offer varied layouts for the suites of Oliver Park, but all come with quartz kitchen counters, stainless steel appliances, in-suite laundry and private balcony or patio. The building also features sound-reducing floors and walls and professional landscaping, plus the much-desired underground parking.

## In the neighbourhood

Oliver is a mature yet trendy area of the city centre, with shopping, restaurants, services and art galleries dotted near and along bustling 124 Street. While the upcoming Brewery District will bring even more to this lively area, residents can now enjoy an evening outdoor farmers' market through the summer months.

## Location and transit

Just minutes to downtown, Oliver Park condos are on a quiet, tree-lined street but moments from transit and vehicle routes. Bus and LRT are easy to find on adjacent Jasper Avenue and 124 Street, but for those on bike or foot, trails throughout the expansive river valley will satisfy.

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## + NEED TO KNOW

**What:** Oliver Park  
**Designer:** Intelligence House  
**Location:** Oliver is west of downtown and north of Jasper Avenue  
**Building:** 19-suite boutique, park-facing condos  
**Sizes:** 607 sq. ft. to 993 sq. ft.  
**Pricing:** Starting at \$235,000  
**Model:** One- and two-bed-

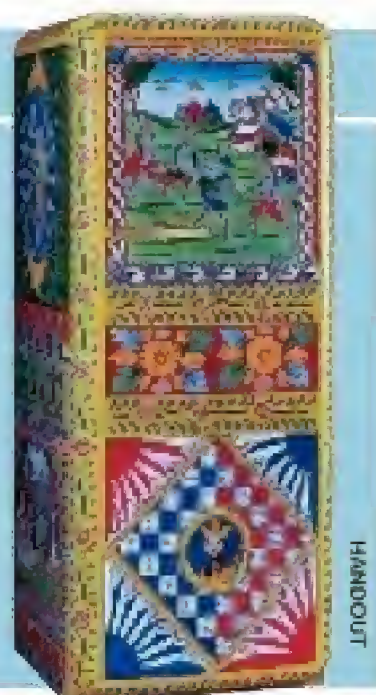
room units with large balconies or garden patios  
**Status:** Construction underway, units 50 per cent sold  
**Occupancy:** Possessions start summer 2016  
**Sales Centre:** Suite 101 10227-115 St.  
**Phone:** 780-485-7885  
**Website:** oliverparkcondos.ca

## + HOME FRIDGES

### Dolce and Gabbana collaborate on a refrigerator with Smeg

Dolce and Gabbana have teamed up with domestic appliance manufacturer Smeg to create a fashionable line of designer refrigerators.

According to Vogue, the limited-edition designs will be available in just 100 units, each of which will be hand painted. AFP



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## RETROSPECTIVE

# Lumière celebrates 25 years

Alongside the Milan Triennale and the Milan International Furniture Fair, the Italian design manufacturer Foscarini will be celebrating 25 years of the Lumière lamp, one of its most iconic pieces.

For this milestone anniversary, the firm is holding an exhibition, until April 30, dedicated entirely to this classic of lighting design. In 1990, the designer Rodolfo Dordoni created a tabletop light, presented as a modern take on the classic

lamp shade.

This was the Lumière, a now iconic table lamp with a blown-glass shade and a three-legged aluminum frame.

To celebrate the lamp's 25th anniversary, Foscarini is holding an exhibition dedicated to this design classic, scheduled to run alongside the Milan Triennale and the Milan Furniture Fair.

The Lumière's journey through 25 years of history is based on a video installation with 26 screens looking back

and key world events that have shaped the last quarter of a century.

Founded in Murano, Italy, Foscarini sought to go further than other manufacturers working with glass by introducing new details and using new technology. The Lumière table lamp was created in the early days of Foscarini, before the firm had gained the international renown it enjoys today.

Lumière was one of the first hit designs for Foscarini. AFP



The Lumière was invented in 1990. HANDOUT



# Hopewell House Parties Help You Find a New Home

Hopewell Residential is Edmonton's stylish, affordable builder — and this April, they're offering exciting promotions, savings and events.

With Hopewell House Parties every weekend, plus savings on lots, pre-sale homes and quick-possession homes, Hopewell is making it easier than ever to buy a brand new Hopewell home.

"It's a whole month of awesome events and amazing savings," says marketing manager Nicole McLaws.

"Throughout April, we're inviting Edmonton home buyers out to see what makes our homes so amazing, with family fun events that feature food trucks, children's entertainers, radio stations live on location, prizes, giveaways, and the chance to see the most stylish, affordable and well-planned homes in Edmonton."

Hopewell started the fun in west-Edmonton's Second, with its Taste of Second event on April 9, which saw more than 400 visitors checking out the amazing west-

end community.

"In Second, we're offering limited-time savings on lots, in addition to savings on our incredible homes," McLaws says. "It could mean savings of up to \$33,000 on your new Hopewell home."

In Second, Hopewell's home prices start in the \$290s for its award-winning townhomes, while its quick-possession laned homes start in the \$380s, and its front-attached garage homes start in the \$460s.

"On April 16, we're opening the doors to our laned and front-attached garage show homes in the north communities of McConachie and Vita at Crystallina Nera, with a food truck, face painters, caricature artists, prizes, promos, discounts and more," McLaws says.

"Then, on April 23, we'll have show home tours, treats, promos and fun in Hawks Ridge, with a laned and front-attached garage House Party at our four brand new show homes."

On April 30, Hopewell is hosting a House Party at its Cavanagh laned and duplex



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show homes, which will include promotions and discounts, plus snacks, entertainment, giveaways and the chance to tour Hopewell's newly opened duplex and laned show homes.

"Making the month of events even more exciting is the fact that we're offering savings on our Qwik homes, plus we'll match other builders' promotions and offers," McLaws

adds. "That means you don't have to settle for another builder — bring us the promos you've been offered and we'll do our best to match them! It's all about living happy with a Hopewell home of your own."

Visit [hopewellresidential.com](http://hopewellresidential.com) for event details, promo information, show home hours and maps.

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# Joy in building feel-good communities

When you're getting to know your neighbours, a smile can go a long way.

Today as part of their YAYbourhood Smile Initiative, Rohit Land Development is giving away coffee and "compliment cookies" to patrons of the Century Park LRT on their way to work or school.

"Our goal is simply to spread cheer around our city," says Kalina Davidiuk, Senior Marketing Coordinator at Rohit. "Each cookie gives a compliment to the person who receives it — we believe everyone deserves one."

The initiative is the first public campaign in a series of surprise events Rohit Land Development has created to surprise and delight the community.

Last year on International Happiness Day, March 20, 2015, Rohit Land Development delivered free coffee, smiles and happiness packages to one of its communities as residents were on their way to work in the morning. The company experienced such a positive response that their team wanted to bring a similar initiative

to the Edmonton Community as a whole.

Happiness is a major consideration in the design of every housing community that Rohit Land Development builds. They aim to develop neighbourhoods that evoke positive emotion in their buyers.

Rohit Land Development neighbourhoods in the market now include Starling at Big Lake in Northwest Edmonton, a nature-focused community of townhomes, duplexes and single family homes that has five brand new show-homes to check out.

Meanwhile, Timberidge at Edgemont in West Edmonton offers a collection of duplexes, zero-lot line homes and move-up single family homes in a highly convenient location, with easy access to the city.

Glenridding Heights, located in the Southwest Edmonton area is a family-oriented neighbourhood of townhomes, duplexes and single family homes with a four-season park and close proximity to schools, including one now being built right across the street.



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Rohit Land Development focuses on building neighbourhoods that give residents that feeling of being "at home," with a sense of joy and belonging. In other words, YAYbourhoods!

"It's amazing how much positive impact a simple smile and compliment can have," says

Davidiuk, "lov is catchy!"

Share your happiness with Rohit Land Development via Twitter by tagging @ROHIT-Land #YAYbourhood, or visit the company on Facebook.

To learn more: [rohitlanddevelopment.com](http://rohitlanddevelopment.com).

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Usage-based insurance (UBI) is now being offered by Alberta insurance carriers to participating drivers. ISTOCK

# New auto insurance rolls out in Alberta

## DRIVING

### Usage-based program could lower premiums for some drivers

Michelle Williams

Vehicle technology has come far the past few years: think GPS navigation and hands-free calls. Now auto insurers are using telematics (the integration of telecommunications and information technology) to help good drivers lower their insurance premiums.

Usage-based insurance (UBI) lets auto insurers analyze the driving habits of their customers and reward them with rebates or lower premiums. It's already available in other countries, including the U.S., but UBI is relatively new in Canada. In Alberta, insurance carriers could start offering it to participating drivers this month.

#### How does it work?

"Insurance carriers will either supply drivers with a small device to plug into their car or drivers can download an app to their mobile phones," says Heather Mack, director of government relations for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "It's important to understand that the data can only be used to reduce rates," she adds. "A driver cannot be penalized for not participating in the program or for their driving habits."

#### Program and rates

Programs and rates can vary by insurer, though they're closely regulated by the government of Alberta. "[Insurers] will only be allowed to use certain factors to determine if you're a safe driver — things like how you accelerate, how fast you go into turns, your average speeds,

how hard you brake, what times of day you drive and how many miles you put on your vehicle," says Mack. A single hard brake or fast turn won't affect your rate; the programs will instead be looking at patterns of behaviour. "You can log in and get regular feedback on your driving," she says, "and you don't have to worry about being penalized if you have some areas you need to improve."

#### Protecting your privacy

Protecting your privacy is key. Insurance companies can't track things like your car's GPS location, where you're driving and the types of roads you're on. "Companies want to know when you're driving — because certain periods of day or night are higher risk than others for accidents — but your privacy, in terms of where you are, is always

protected and no information will be shared," says Mack. In fact, all UBI programs will be subject to a privacy-impact assessment. "They must be airtight and will be subject to audit by the Privacy Commissioner of Alberta."

#### Giving you more options

Not every insurance company will be jumping on the usage-based insurance bandwagon, at least initially. "Companies that have offices in countries where UBI is established will already have the infrastructure, the experience and agreements with tech providers, so you may see them enter the market first," Mack says. "It gives people more options and more control over what they pay for their insurance."

#### Have teenagers at home?

UBI could also be useful to parents of teens who want to check how their new drivers are doing behind the wheel. "It rewards people for being good drivers and stimulates others to become better drivers."

## + IS UBI RIGHT FOR YOU?

As usage-based insurance (UBI) rolls out across the province, it could become the next big thing for drivers looking to save on their premiums.

Here's what Heather Mack of the Insurance Bureau of Canada says you should ask your insurance provider to see if their UBI policy is right for you:

### 1. "What factors do you use to determine if I qualify as a safe driver?"

For example, one factor may be whether or not you drive frequently at night, as that's when more accidents happen.

### 2. "How are my savings calculated and how will I receive them?"

Some companies may offer a rebate at the end of the year, while others may calculate savings regularly and reduce your premiums.

### 3. "How will you track multiple drivers?"

This is important if you have others, like teenage children, sharing your vehicle.

### 4. "How will I get feedback on my driving?"

Find out where you can log in to see how you're doing.

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"I'm 0-2 in that regard and so I think I'll stay away": Raptors GM Masai Ujiri has no profanity-laced rant planned to start this year's post-season

## Lightning strike first

NHL PLAYOFFS

### Killorn scores winning goal midway into third period

Nikita Kucherov scored twice and Alex Killorn snapped a third-period tie with his 11th career playoff goal, giving the Tampa Bay Lightning a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 1 of their first-round series Wednesday night.

GAME 1 In Tampa, Fla.



Ben Bishop had 34 saves for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who got the winner from Killorn less than two minutes after a potential go-ahead goal was waived off when Detroit coach Jeff Blashill successfully challenged that Tampa Bay should have been called for offsides before Victor Hedman scored.

Tyler Johnson picked up a loose puck along the boards and fed Killorn, who slipped the puck past Jimmy Howard at 8:52 of the third.

Kucherov scored in the first



Lightning defenceman Braydon Coburn grounds Red Wings forward Dylan Larkin in Tampa, Fla., on Wednesday night.

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and second periods and also assisted on the winner.

Mike Green and Justin Abdelkader scored for Detroit, which outshot the Lightning 36-34 but had few real scoring opportunities after taking a 2-1 lead in the second period.

Bishop, who led the NHL

in goals-against average and was second in save percentage, stopped five shots in the final 1:07 to seal the victory.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Friday night at Amalie Arena.

This is the second straight season Detroit and Tampa

Bay have met in the opening round. The Lightning advanced in seven games in launching a run to their second Stanley Cup final appearance, and it doesn't figure to be any easier this year with leading goal scorer Steven Stamkos and defenseman Anton Stralman

out with injuries.

The teams split four meetings during the regular season, each winning twice at home.

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## Debuting goaltender leads Pens to victory

Patric Hornqvist had a hat trick and Jeff Zatkoff made 35 saves in his first ever NHL playoff appearance as the Pittsburgh Penguins took a 1-0 series lead with a 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Wednesday night.

Goalie drama dominated the series opener with the 28-year-old Zatkoff making a surprise start in place of Marc-Andre Fleury. Rangers starter Henrik Lundqvist exited the game after the first period after being struck near the eye by the stick of a teammate.

Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists while Tom Kuhnhackl also scored for the Penguins.

GAME 1 In Pittsburgh



Derek Stepan struck twice for New York, which saw backup Antti Kaanta make 16 saves in relief of Lundqvist.

All signs Wednesday morning pointed to the Penguins No. 1 goalie returning to start Game 1 with even the Rangers expecting the veteran to get the nod.

Fleury's availability was made more urgent by the absence of backup Matt Murray, who was injured in the final game of the regular season and unavailable to play.

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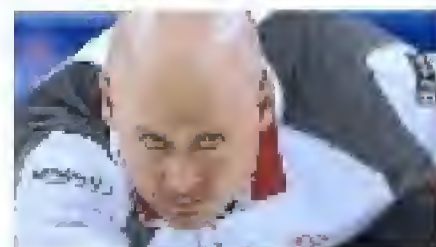
## Koe still in world championship form

World champion Kevin Koe is one of four curlers to start off the Grand Slam of Curling Players' Championship with a perfect 2-0 record.

His Calgary rink beat Charley Thomas 6-4 in Draw 3 before downing Glenn Howard by an identical score in Draw 5 later Wednesday night.

Joining Koe atop the Pool A standings is Brad Jacobs.

Jacobs, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., picked up his second win of the tournament when he beat



Kevin Koe THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winnipeg's Reid Carruthers 6-2 in Draw 5.

Brad Gushue and Steve Laycock are tied for first in Pool B with 2-0 records.

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## IN BRIEF

### Barça bounced out of Europe

Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and Neymar all failed to deliver as holder Barcelona was dumped out of the Champions League quarterfinals on Wednesday in a stunning 2-0 defeat by Spanish rival Atletico Madrid.

Barça's star trio was kept in check by tough defending from the home side, and France's Antoine Griezmann scored a goal in each half as Atletico overturned a 2-1 loss at Camp Nou in last week's first leg to win 3-2 on aggregate.

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### Regular-season finale

Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of the dramatic final night of the NBA regular season.



Kobe Bryant GETTY IMAGES

CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

## Clash with exec led to Brassard quitting

Former freestyle skier Jean-Luc Brassard resigned as chef de mission for Canada's 2016 Olympic team because he felt he no longer had the full support of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

A COC statement on Monday cited "personal and professional" reasons for his resignation.

The Olympic champion had questioned the committee's slow handling of the sexual harassment allegations that led to the resignation of former COC president Marcel Aubut

in October.

He said his concerns about the case caused friction with some committee members, including what he called a personality conflict with a leading executive, whom he did not name.

"These are not bad people, but we had insurmountable differences," said Brassard.

Former Olympic cyclist Curt Harnett became the new chef de mission with ex-Olympians Isabelle Charest and Carol Huynh as assistants.

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# RECIPE Sweet Pea and White Fish Chowder



PHOTO: MAYA VISNENI

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

A lovely and light chowder that will make you think you've traveled to some sleepy fishing town filled with character.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes

## Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup diced pancetta
- 2 1/2 cups mini white potatoes, quartered
- 1 cup stock
- 3 cups milk
- 1 cup peas
- 250 g skinless, boneless white fish, chopped into chunks
- 1 cup peas
- 2 tbsp fresh chopped dill
- salt and pepper

## Directions

1. Heat oil in a saucepan, add onions and pancetta and cook until onions are softened and pancetta is browned.

2. Add the potatoes and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in stock, cover and simmer for 12-15 mins or until the potatoes are tender.

3. With a slotted spoon, remove half the potatoes from the stock and set aside. Transfer the remaining potatoes, stock into a blender or food processor, add the milk and whizz until smooth.

4. Pour mixture back into the pan, add the peas, fish and reserved potatoes. Cover and gently heat for 3-4 mins until the fish is just cooked through — don't boil. Stir in dill then season to taste.

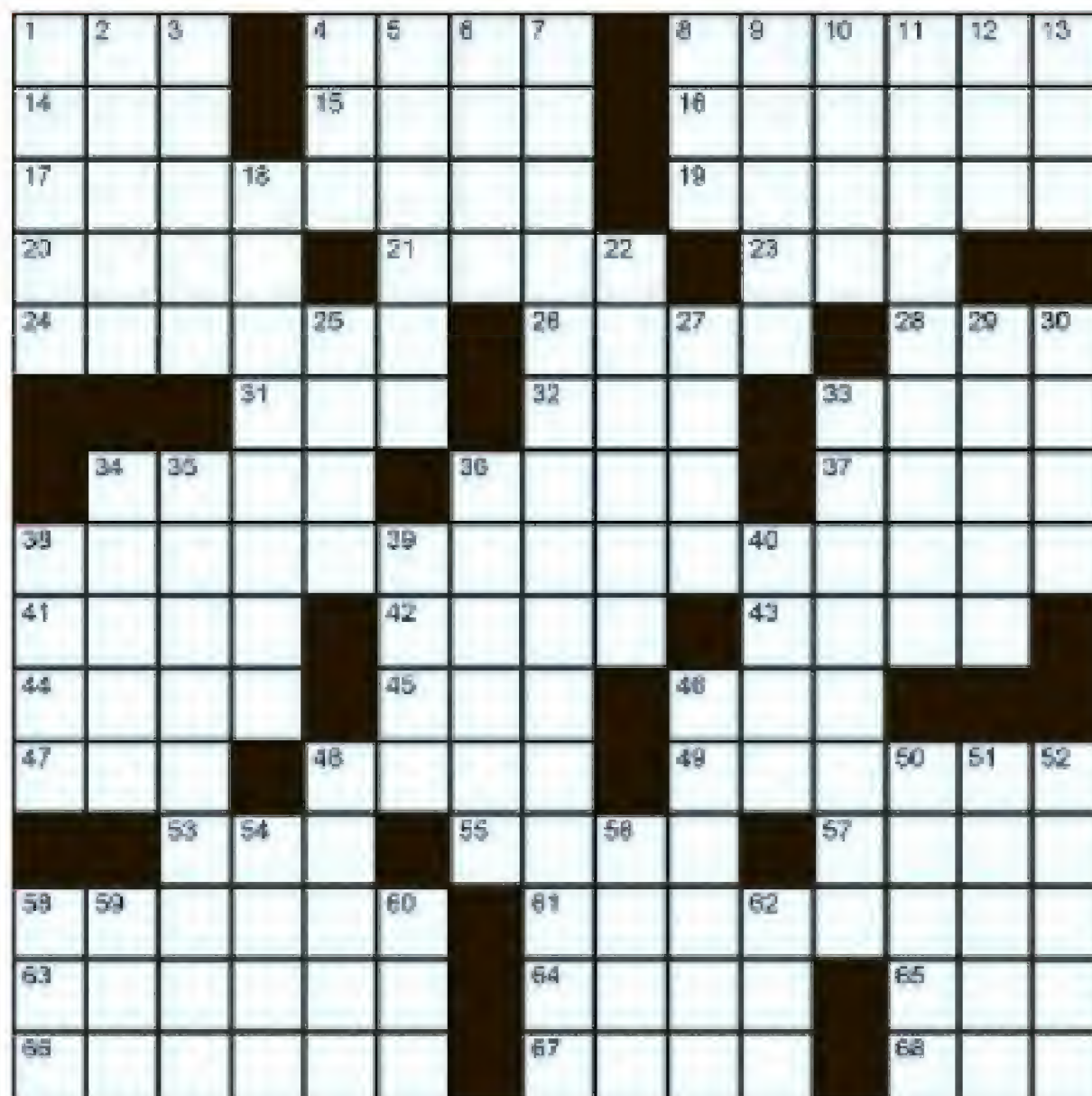
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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. Wooden wedge
5. Sea lettuce
9. "What am I, chopped \_?"
14. Verdi opera
15. Sci. class
16. Dispatch boat
17. Ringing reverberation
18. Mini medians
19. Biker role in #61-Across
20. 11:00pm, for instance: 2 wds.
23. Social pages word
24. Fab Four, for one
27. Canada \_ (CBC's annual books competition)
29. Regular
30. Woodstock salutes
33. Of the body's major artery
35. Rules of conduct
39. Shiba \_ (Dog breed of Japan)
40. Pamplona's locale in northern Spain
42. Muesli tidbit
43. Drop in rank
45. Sacred place
47. Gilligan's boat, S.S. \_
49. Ancient Greek colony
50. Joe of "JFK" (1991)
52. The \_ (Novel by #9-Down which is the 2016 winner of #27-Across)
54. Abitibi article
55. 1934; Montreal Neurological Institute founder, Dr. Wilder \_



- (b.1891 - d.1976)
58. Express
60. Sports car, \_ Romeo
61. " \_ Rider" (1969)
65. Latin for 'I believe'
66. Enter: 2 wds.
67. \_ & The Bunny-men

68. Russian ballet company
69. Hobbyist's purchases
70. Actor, Oliver \_

## DOWN

1. Maple's meal
2. "Speed it up, stallion!"

3. US 'Gem State', briefly
4. Shopping centre regular's nickname
5. Decrease
6. It keeps a censor ready with the bleep button: 2 wds.
7. Van \_ Vincent
8. Besides

9. Newmarket, Ontario born author (More at #27-Across and #52-Across): 2 wds.
10. Climber of the quins
11. Choice dish
12. Rob of "90210"
13. Automatic
21. Nfld., for one:

- 2 wds.
22. Cheering-on people
24. Randy of "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" (1974)
25. "Can you give \_ moment, please?" (Making-a-decision couple's request)
26. Latin for 'gold'
28. Peer Gynt's mother
31. Actors Joe or Vincent
32. Odd, briefly
34. Ms. Kazan of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" (2016)
36. Fist, in France
37. Actress Ms. Raymonde
38. Bargain
41. " \_ Ryan's Express" (1965) starring Frank Sinatra
44. Mantric syllables
46. Antlered creature of European woodlands: 2 wds.
48. Nintendo's getting-in-shape offering. \_ \_ Plus
50. Science dish
51. 'Poly' add-on (Synthetic fabric)
53. Angles
54. Good fortune
56. Harps
57. Sight-of-ice in The Arctic
59. Japan's capital's old name
62. Expert
63. " \_ Devil" (1989)
64. Greeted, Rocky-style

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
This is an excellent day for business and commerce. Look for ways to boost your income or to improve your job, because you have the edge!

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Mercury is in your sign today, dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. This is a great day for business and financial conversations, because you believe in yourself!

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Your confidence is strong today, which is why you are willing to explore new ideas and listen to what others have to say. Behind-the-scenes news might benefit your home scene.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others! It's also an excellent day for classes, meetings and conferences. Everybody wants to talk and get into the act!

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
This is a great day to make plans for the future, especially by creating organizational systems. Business and commercial activities are favored. Ask the boss for what you want!

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You will enjoy the study of philosophy, law and medicine today, because you are hungry to expand your mind. This is also a great day to make travel plans for the future.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You couldn't pick a better day for discussions about inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. All parties involved will be fair-minded and generous to each other.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You will enjoy sitting down with a partner or close friend to discuss practically anything today, because you are in such a positive frame of mind. This is a great day to deal with groups.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Co-workers are supportive today. In fact, you will enjoy almost anything that you do at work today, because you feel happy and hopeful.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Social diversions, the arts, movies, sports events and playful activities with children are wonderful choices for you today. You feel happy, upbeat and ready to enjoy life!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Family discussions will go well today. In particular, this is a good day to tackle big projects that entail repairs and improvements to where you live.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You understand the Power of Attraction. You also understand that thoughts manifest into reality. Today your positive frame of mind makes you happy.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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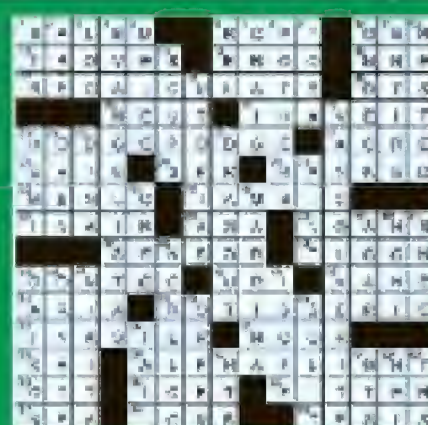
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